

ber of his family who has been a mayor of Hartford. His grandfather, his brother Jimmy, who is now judge of probate, and now Pete, as we call him, is the mayor of the city. This is something that we in Hartford are pleased to see, because it demonstrates the activity of a fine family in civic affairs to the benefit of the great city of Hartford.

I am pleased that Mayor Kinsella is here before you this morning, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HARVEY. Will the gentleman from Connecticut yield to me for a moment.

Mr. Chairman, I would just like to also express a welcome here to Mr. Kinsella's assistant, Bob Bliss, and to disclose to the committee here that about 15 years ago I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Bliss when he was then a part of the city administration in Saginaw, Mich. Mr. Bliss was in charge of our planning and housing in that city. I was then in the city attorney's office. We worked closely together with municipal problems.

It was Saginaw's loss and Hartford's gain when he left our city and went to Hartford.

I believe this is the first time I have seen him in those 15 years, and I would like to issue him greetings, and say we are happy to have you with us, and to you, Mr. Mayor.

Thank you.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Mayor, you may now start your testimony in whatever way you desire.

STATEMENT OF HON. GEORGE B. KINSELLA, MAYOR OF HARTFORD, CONN.; ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT BLISS, DIRECTOR OF RE-DEVELOPMENT, HARTFORD, CONN.

Mr. KINSELLA. Mr. Chairman—I would like to second the remarks of Congressman Harvey. It certainly was Hartford's gain when we acquired Mr. Bliss for our redevelopment program.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Mayor George B. Kinsella of Hartford, Conn. On behalf of Hartford I wish to extend my deep appreciation for the opportunity to appear before your committee to present this testimony in support of the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966 which is before you.

Our city has been carefully analyzing its provisions since its introduction to the Congress. I have informally discussed the act with Secretary Weaver who was recently in Hartford for a Connecticut community conference. At this conference, Dr. Weaver was the keynote speaker at this, his first major address as Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. His principal theme was the Demonstration Cities Act and he issued a vigorous challenge to the assembled cities to produce a plan with an impact on the problems of housing, education, employment, and social services.

We in Hartford have been asking ourselves what is meant by "demonstration"? What should we demonstrate? Webster's dictionary defines demonstration as "an outward expression or display." We applied this basic definition to our city and the answer to the question became clear. It is to show all of our people, particularly those in blighted and tired neighborhoods who are confined not unlike captive